

REMARKS

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action dated March 28, 2006, Claims 4 and 9-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

With respect to Claim 4, applicant cancels Claim 4 and amends base Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claim 4. Accordingly, amended Claim 1 and those claims dependent thereon (Claims 2-3, 5-8, 11-12, 14, 16-19 and 40-42) are also in a condition for allowance.

With respect to Claim 9, applicant amends claim 9 to include the limitations of base Claim 1 and intervening Claim 8. Accordingly, amended Claim 9 and dependent Claim 10 are also in a condition for allowance.

Applicant cancels claims 13 and 15 to remove them from further consideration.

The rejections set forth in Paragraphs 2-6 of the Office Action will not be addressed, since they are rendered moot in view of the above amendments, which are intended to place the objected to claims in a condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests that this application be reconsidered and allowed. The amendments are appropriately made after final rejection, since they do not raise any new issues. Instead, the amendments place the application in a condition for allowance.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Fee Account No. 082060 in the name of Hexcel Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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